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1. Since January 1950, by decrees of the Ministry of Navigation and the Ministry of Public Security, every member of crews aboard Polish merchant ships must sign a pledge of secrecy. This pledge binds the crew member not to reveal ports of embarkation or debarkation, dates of departure from or arrival at ports even to members of his immediate family, types of cargoes, living conditions of the crew, and similar information. To violate this pledge results in a prison sentence of three to five years.
2. The voluntary work program on Polish merchant ships which was previously conducted by the OKO is now under the supervision of a Work Competition Trio (Trojka Organizacyjna Wspolzawodnictwa Pracy). This trio is composed of ardent PZPR members who actively organize competition among the crew. The crew is induced to do as much work as possible during working hours and is given points for overtime work. Such overtime is credited to crew members' accounts and, at the end of the voyage, those persons with the highest scores are awarded medals and money prizes.

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